



## Board of Director Study Sessions

Topic: Academic Rigor at Jefferson Academy

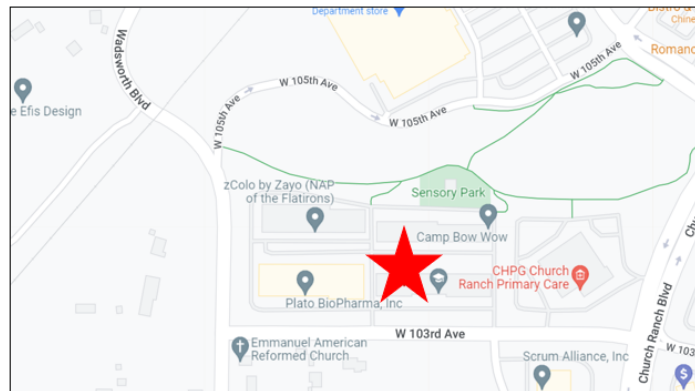


*All members of the JA community are encouraged to attend!*

**When: March 9, 2022 AND April 12, 2022 - 5:30 to 8:30 pm**

**Attend In-person or via Zoom**

**In-person: Summit Academy - 7575 W. 103rd Avenue Suite 110, Westminster, CO 80021**



**Zoom at the following links:**

**Study Session #1: March 9, 2022 5:30 PM**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89180088023?pwd=Wmw0R3A1RUdSVHJGTkpRWmhFVEpqUT09>**

**Study Session #2: April 12, 2022 5:30 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83670749639?pwd=dWErdTR2anRVdFZWtGwyYm5tVmNrZz09>

**Note: All Board members and administrators will plan to attend in-person. An unaffiliated third-party facilitator, Mr. Gary Stueven, will lead the first study session.**

### **Strategic Purpose of Study Sessions:**

In support of Jefferson Academy's mission and vision, the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan includes the following strategic goal:

*"Jefferson Academy will provide an innovative academic environment that honors the varied needs of our students. By clearly defining expectations, presenting intentional communication, and providing access to support programs, we can help all students achieve their highest academic potential".*

The Jefferson Academy Board of Directors will undertake two study sessions to clarify and support academic rigor at Jefferson Academy. The study session approach will begin with a recognition of the mission of providing "...an academically rigorous, content-rich educational program" and how living this mission will lead to the realization of the vision of our students becoming "responsible, productive citizens."

### **Public Comments are Welcome:**

Your voice is important! Public comment will be accepted from in-person attendees as well as those attending via Zoom. Public comment will be taken half-way through each session so that members of the public can provide their perspectives and/or comment on issues discussed during the first half of the meeting. **Anyone choosing to give public comment will be required to sign up prior to the start of the comment period. Sign up for public comment will open at approximately 6:45 pm, and the comment period will begin at approximately 7:00 pm.**

### **Goals:**

**First Session:** The goal of the first study session is to collectively establish what academic rigor is at Jefferson Academy. Student, alumni, parent, staff, and administration perspectives will be presented along with academic data, surveys, and other information. An outside facilitator will lead the discussion to enable the Board and administrative team to come to a shared definition of "academic rigor".

**Second Session:** The clarity laid out in session one will influence the curriculum, educational practices, philosophy, leadership, and other aspects of Jefferson Academy. The goal of the second session is to gain Board feedback and support for general conceptual ideas from administration to implement practices, changes, approaches, etc. to provide an academically rigorous (as articulated in session one), content-rich educational program at Jefferson Academy.

**Benefits:**

By bringing clarity to what academic rigor means at Jefferson Academy to our students, parents, staff, administration, and community, the Jefferson Academy Board aims to accomplish the following:

- Enable the administrative team to make intentional and thoughtful decisions regarding educational practices, curriculum, assessments, grading, etc. and evaluate those decisions to determine if they support an academically rigorous, content-rich educational program;
- Support the staff and administrative team with a shared understanding of what academic rigor means when they respond to questions, comments, and concerns from families regarding educational practices or approaches at Jefferson Academy; and,
- Clarify to current and future families what academic rigor means at Jefferson Academy so that expectations are defined, communication is intentional, access to support programs is provided, and students achieve their highest academic potential.

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of Jefferson Academy is to help students attain their highest academic and character potential through an academically rigorous, content-rich educational program.

**Vision Statement:**

Jefferson Academy envisions a community of parents, teachers, students and educational and business leaders working together to create a learning environment that engenders academic achievement, growth in character, and the love of learning, resulting in responsible, productive citizens.

Sincerely,

Your JA Board

Christine LaBerge, Nathan Hawk, Tiffany Sorice, Sam Kim, Agnessa Vartanova, Michael Ennis, and Gia Quillen